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Bible Conference Closes

The eighth annual Bible conference, which began on October 2 and came to a close on October 10, proved to be a great blessing to all. The principal speaker, Rev. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of Calvary Independent Church of Lancaster, Pa., was with us throughout the week. Surely the Lord's blessing was upon him as he brought many messages of great spiritual depth.

Rev. Henry Murdoch, Jr., of Belpre, Ohio, inspired his hearers not only by his splendid messages but also by several vocal solos. Other speakers were Rev. Henry C. Geiger, of Livingston, Tenn., and Rev. H. E. Wright, of Rome, Ga. Their messages were both instructive and uplifting.

A home touch was added to the week's program by Dr. Currens's lectures on Genesis during the regular Bible class periods, while an unexpected feature was the presence of Mr. William Sedat, missionary to the Kekchi Indians in Guatemala. Mr. Sedat told of his translation work.

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STUDENTS ELECT COUNCILS

Student councils for both the men and the women students have been chosen. These councils will have jurisdiction over certain matters of student conduct, formulating the necessary rules and enforcing them. Flagrant infractions of University rules will, as in the past, be subject to the action of the dean or the faculty.

Named to the men's council are Harold Fuss, president; Edward Paul, secretary; Forrest Ford, Dan Hirschy, and Hendren Llewellyn.

Chosen by the resident women are Anne Walton, president; Lillian Hummel, vice president; Frances Gordon, secretary, and Eleanor Estep.



**WILLIAM
JENNINGS
BRYAN
Said—**

The hypothesis to which the name of Darwin has been given—the hypothesis that links man to the lower forms of life and makes him a lineal descendant of the brute—is obscuring God and weakening all the virtues that rest upon the religious tie between God and man. . . .

The materialists deny the existence of God and seek to explain man's presence upon the earth without a creative act. They go back from man to the animals, and from one form of life to another until they come to the first germ of life; there they divide into two schools, some believing that the first germ of life came from another planet, others holding that it was the result of spontaneous generation. One school answers the arguments advanced by the other. . . . I am not compelled to agree with either.

If it were necessary to accept one of these theories I would prefer the first; for, if we can chase the germ of life off of this planet and out into space, we can guess the rest of the way and no one can contradict us. . . . The mind revolts at the idea of spontaneous generation; in all the searches of the ages no scientist has found a single instance of life that was not begotten by life. The materialist has nothing but imagination to build upon. . . .

There is nothing *unreasonable* about Christianity. No scientific *fact*—no fact of any other kind can disturb religion, because *facts are not in conflict with each other*. It is *guessing* by scientists and so-called scientists that is doing the harm. . . . Is "thus saith the Lord" to be supplanted by guesses and speculations and assumptions?

The Men Move In

Under Prof. McMurry's supervision the building program is progressing as rapidly as funds will permit. Walls have been raised, windows placed, some plumbing installed, and work is now under way to put up ceilings and make the quarters as livable as possible. Due to the impossibility of completing the proposed building in time for occupancy by the women students, temporary quarters have been arranged for the men in the main building. These rooms are crude and unfinished, but have been quite comfortable during the warm fall weather.

However, with winter coming on apace, it is becoming imperative that we install steam pipes and radiators in the dormitory rooms. Said President Rudd in a recent letter to some University friends: "Students and staff-members have shown a wonderful spirit in this time of confusion and readjustment. The boys have not complained at being crowded together in a few large rooms with

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TRIO TOURS

On October 16 the male trio—Forrest Ford, Edward Paul, Ty Pray, Howard Kee (accompanist), and Dean Ryther left Dayton to travel north to Kentucky and Ohio for several services.

In Paris, Ky. at the First Baptist Church, the trio furnished special music for the Sunday evening service.

Attending the Ohio Christian Fundamentals Association at Xenia, Ohio, they were again given the opportunity to sing a gospel message at several sessions, held in the First Reformed Church, where Rev. Albert Scherry is pastor.

On the return trip the gospel group held the Wednesday evening service of the Calvary Baptist Church in Covington, Ky., where Rev. D. B. Eastep is pastor, having an opportunity again to give a gospel message in song and testimony.

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LEVENGOOD JOINS FACULTY

Teaching Greek and Archaeology this year is Rev. A. J. Levengood, formerly of Ohio but now a Dayton, Tenn., resident. Mr. Levengood is a graduate of the Mission House College and Seminary, Sheboygan, Wis., from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology. He also holds the degree of Master of Theology, conferred by Xenia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Levengood is unusually well qualified to teach Greek, having had six years of study in that subject.

Miss R. Iona Lyster, who had been assistant professor of classical languages and Bible, was unable to return to her accustomed post this year on account of illness in the family.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP

In order to reorganize the Foreign Missions Fellowship, the former president, Dan Hirschy, called into session those interested in missions.

The officers were chosen from the active members—those who have been definitely called to foreign service—as follows: President, Dan Hirschy; vice president, Mildred Kuntz; corresponding secretary, Lillian Hummel; and secretary, Joyce Hirschy.

During the year a study will be made of various missionary fields and their needs in order that the students may know of the work that is being done and work that needs to be done for the Lord.

CLASSES ELECT OFFICERS

On Friday morning, October 7, the classes met to organize in preparation for another year's activities.

The senior class selected to serve this year the same officers who filled the positions last year—Miss Yancey, adviser; James Darrell, president; Edward de Rosset, vice president; and Janet Webb, secretary-treasurer. The class is selling scripture placques and mottoes, scripture text greeting cards and stationery. Christmas cards will be available to students and friends of the school.

As adviser for the junior class, Dean Ryther was elected. Ruth Toliver was re-elected to fill the office of president. Other officers are vice president, Connie Penick; secretary, Ruth Dawson; and treasurer, Dorothy White.

The sophomore class chose Mr. Lynip for their class sponsor. Dan Hirschy was elected president; Christine Gordon, vice president; and Louise Post, secretary-treasurer.

Selected to lead the freshman class are Dr. McMurry, adviser; Dean Geary, president; Warren Oliff, vice president; Leona Wilson, secretary; and James Doud, treasurer.

With this fine group of officers and advisers, there are prospects for a year of many pleasant associations in class fellowships.

STUDENT PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP

For the benefit of men students now serving in community churches or expecting to serve as pastors after their school career, a new organization has been formed, the Student Pastors' Fellowship. The group has been organized to have prayer and fellowship in discussion of problems, but primarily to give instruction in the methods of preparing and delivering messages. During the year each member will have opportunities for practical experience.

Elected to serve as president was William Kerr; vice president, Clarence Blackburn; secretary, Ben White; and treasurer, Julius Reeves.

A HUNDRED POUNDS OF ENERGY!

Peanut butter—one of the most healthful of foods—will be ours in abundance, at least for the next several weeks. Through the kindness of a friend who conducts a peanut butter business in Pennsylvania, four 25-pound cans of this energy-giving food have come to the University kitchen. Says Mr. Hill, "A hundred pounds of peanut butter will go a long way toward supplying the energy that the students need for their strenuous work and study."

DRAMATIC CLUB

With the plan of producing a considerable number of plays, the dramatic club was recently reorganized to encourage the use of dramatic talent among the students.

As president of this organization, Howard Kee was elected, with Alvin Hall for vice president, Connie Penick as secretary, and Edward Paul for business manager. Mr. Ryther was chosen faculty adviser to direct the activities of the club.

THE MEN MOVE IN

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clothes closet space they, themselves, have improvised. . . . There is still much to do in finishing up the rooms. . . . The installation of steam lines and radiators will be expensive, and yet it must be done shortly. The sooner staff-members can all be accommodated in our own buildings, the more can be saved in room rent and transportation for them."

Since the last Newsette went out to our friends, the windows have all been ordered and many of them placed. The problem now is the provision of funds sufficient to permit continuance of the work and the installation of glass in the windows. Until the windows are finished, of course, heat cannot be arranged for the dormitory rooms. The warm fall weather seems providential, but we do not know how long it will last.

In it all, however, there is a spirit of happiness here at Bryan, for we know that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

NINTH SESSION IS UNDER WAY

Beginning the ninth year of its college activities, Bryan University welcomed many new and old students on the first day of registration, Sept. 23. It was indeed encouraging to see the increase in this year's enrollment over that of the past year.

Again this year Pennsylvania claims the largest representation, with fourteen students. Tennessee has a representation of ten students. From the states of New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado, and Virginia come three or more students each—Kentucky has seven representatives—while New York, Mississippi, Michigan, District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, and Arkansas are represented by at least one student from each state. In all, fifteen states and the District of Columbia have furnished students.

Because of the unfinished building program, the young ladies are making their home in the Octagon (formerly the boys' dormitory) with Mrs. McMurry as hostess and sponsor.

The boys have found accommodations in the new addition to the building. Improvements are still being made on their rooms to make more comfortable abodes. Dean D. W. Ryther, Jr. is sponsor for the young men.

It has been necessary to secure rooms for some of the faculty members aside from the two dormitories mentioned. President and Mrs. Judson Rudd, Mr. W. T. Turk, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lynip, and Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn have rooms in the Cedar Hill apartment house which was formerly rented by the University for the girls' dormitory and faculty home. It is hoped that in the very near future it will be possible for these staff members to occupy rooms in the main building on Bryan Hill. This will be definitely a move in the interest of economy.

Perhaps more slowly than we might wish, yet very definitely the Lord is working out the plans at Bryan University through His ambassadors. One cannot but offer a word of thanks to the Lord, Who has made possible the continuation of this testimony in the face of severe testing.

The Newsette

CAMERA CLUB FORMED

At an afternoon meeting recently, eight of the students, including three coeds, formed a Camera Club, electing Charles Shirley president. Miss Ruth Dawson is secretary-treasurer. Members of the club plan to take numerous photographs during the school year, doing their own developing and printing. Meetings are to be held every two weeks. Prof. Roy McMurry, head of the science department, was chosen as faculty adviser.

"CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS"

With but one washing machine for all our students to use for their personal needs in addition to the many hours each week of washing for the University, laundry schedules are crowded. Anyone wishing to donate a washing machine may have the assurance that his gift will add much to the comfort and convenience of University life. There is a real need for at least two more machines.

MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES

Though sometimes the struggles and hardships encountered to continue the existence of Bryan University seemed overwhelming, yet faithful supporters will agree it has been altogether worthwhile, when considering the representatives sent from the University.

Of the recent graduates, Ralph Toliver, '37, of Dayton, Tenn., and Rebecca Haeger, '38, of Miami, Fla., left their homes on October 7 to go to China as Bryan's first foreign missionaries. Although the partings were tearful, yet joy abounded in the realization that these two young lives are going into service in obedience to the Lord's call.

You may share the joy and blessing by supporting these two missionaries in prayer, also praying that others may follow to other needy fields of service. Both go forth under the China Inland Mission.

NEW TRAYS IN USE

To the delight of the waitresses—not to speak of the whole student body—new trays of the most modern style have replaced the old yellow sheet metal ones formerly used in the dining hall. Of a rubber composition and most attractive, their color is a deep red. The trays—three dozen of them—are a much-appreciated donation from a friend of the school.

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Song-leader and trombone soloist during the latter part of the week was Mr. Stanley Cook. Formerly associated with Percy Crawford in his widespread radio ministry, Mr. Cook demonstrated his exceptional ability in conducting. His return to the University is awaited with interest.

On Saturday evening an open-air service was held in front of the Court House downtown. This service was broadcast over the school's public address system. Rev. Murdoch's address climaxed the evening.

MINISTERIAL GROUP ORGANIZED

On September 28 the first meeting of the George E. Guille Ministerial Association was conducted by the president, Glenn Klamm, elected last June to serve during the current school year. Following a discussion of the subject of membership, it was decided to accept as members any who are interested in Christian service as gospel messengers. Other officers were elected: vice president, William Kerr; secretary, Grace Levengood; and treasurer, Rebecca Peck. Mr. Levengood was elected to act as adviser for the group. Meetings are held each week.

Plans were made to have street meetings each Saturday afternoon and evening. The gospel work will be continued as previously, with students going to various communities to hold services on Sunday in the churches or schoolhouses.

In addition to the former places of service, several new districts are in view, so that the gospel ministry will be broadened considerably.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

ALL MEN NEED A SAVIOUR

Fifth Article in a Series

By Charles H. Currens

5. "We believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and are in need of a Saviour for their reconciliation to God." This is another section which appears in our Statement of Belief.

I. THE WORDS OF JESUS TO NICODEMUS (Jn. 3:6) ESTABLISH THIS STATEMENT CONCERNING MAN'S SINFUL NATURE.

1. From the human viewpoint Nicodemus was the embodiment of uprightness. He was a highly respected teacher of the Mosaic law, and was regarded a spiritual leader among the most religious nation on earth. He was a man of profound learning, of high moral standing and was held in highest esteem by his nation.
2. One moment in the presence of the Son of God revealed to this outstanding, highly respected gentleman that something was radically wrong with his inner life. Jesus' words, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit; marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again," (Jn. 3:6, 7), had given Nicodemus a view of himself as he appeared in the sight of God. His soul was troubled and his unilluminated mind perplexed. Then followed his question, "How can a man be born when he is old?" Jn. 3:4. Nicodemus had found out something he had not sought; he realized his heart was not right with God. Nicodemus is a type of man at his best, which is not different from man at his worst so far as his relation to God is concerned, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:22, 23. Man's untamed, natural state is defined in Job 11:12: "For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt." God's investigation of all men is just this, "They are all under

sin; there is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that seeketh after God; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Rom. 3:9-12. What a dreadful arraignment of a world of haughty impenitents! But such is God's verdict as He lays bare the heart of every man.

II. GOD REVEALS THE NATURAL MAN'S HEART IS HARD, REBELLIOUS, DECEITFUL, DESPERATELY WICKED. Jer. 7:23, 24; 17:9.

III. THE NATURAL MAN'S MIND IS "ENMITY AGAINST GOD;" IT CANNOT BE MADE SUBJECT TO THE WILL OF GOD. Rom. 8:7.

1. The natural man is so unlike God that the things of the Spirit of God are foolishness unto him. 1 Cor. 2:14.

IV. THE NATURAL MAN LOVES DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT BECAUSE HIS DEEDS ARE EVIL. Jn. 3:19.

1. His heart is the foul, dank pit from which issue "evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murder, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mk. 7:21-23.

V. THE NATURAL MAN'S CHARACTER IS UNALTERABLY SINFUL.

1. Hear the solemn inquiry of the wise man, "Who can say, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin?" Prov. 20:9. See Jer. 13:23.

VI. THE NATURAL MAN IS ALREADY UNDER CONDEMNATION. Jn. 3:18.

1. He has no disposition to change his impending doom, but finds pleasure in pursuing on in his course that ends in eternal ruin. Rom. 1:32.

VII. THE NATURAL MAN IS WHOLLY DEPENDENT UPON A SAVIOUR TO RECONCILE HIM TO GOD.

1. He can no more justify himself before God than the Ethiopian can change his skin or the leopard his spots. Jer. 13:23.
2. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." Rom. 5:10. See 2 Cor. 5:18.
3. "Neither is there salvation in any other." Ac. 4:12.

Note: In the last Newsette Article Six appeared, instead of the above article. The insertion of this article will fill in the gap. Article Seven will appear in the November issue.

CHAPEL SERVICES INTERESTING

Chapel services this year have been varied and exceedingly interesting. Recent speakers have included, in addition to the conference speakers, a missionary who spent 32 years in China, a high school mathematics teacher and lecturer who has traveled in Japan, India, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Germany and France, and others.

The Rev. Mr. Van Dyke, the missionary, gave a very illuminating lecture on the present condition in China, with special reference to the conditions brought about by the war with Japan. In the battle area when the Japanese invaded, he and his wife were compelled to evacuate in a gunboat. He had a most interesting analysis of the situation to present to the students.

Mr. A. A. McCrone, a teacher in Overbrook High School, Philadelphia, Pa., now lecturing while on furlough, showed pictures of his travels in Palestine, Japan and India. He also spoke at a Wednesday evening service of the local M. E. Church.

Student programs, too, have been held. In the first chapel service of the Ministerial Association, Harold Fuss led the devotions, Glenn Klammer, president of the association, delivering the message. His subject was, "The Eyes of the Lord." Each Monday morning during the year the chapel service will be in charge of the Ministerial Association.